

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-37. (cancelled)

38. (new) A beverage plug, comprising:

a bottom portion (A);

a middle portion (B);

a contoured top portion (C) with an opening presenting a profiled curved rim;

a dissolvable solid food product extending through the opening so as to be located both within the top portion and externally available through the opening of the top portion;

a fixing part, for fixing the bottom portion to a beverage vessel, located inside the bottom portion;

a seat (S) located inside the middle portion;

a support element (T) within the seat;

a rod (34) extending from the support element and, at a distal end thereof, supporting the food product; and

a passage located intermediate the opening and the food product, the passage sized to allow a fluid from within the vessel to pass through the passage, wherein,

a user of the plug can suck a fluid from the vessel via the passage,

the profiled curved rim directs a flow of the sucked fluid toward and over the food product to transfer a taste and nutritional components of the food product to the fluid at the same time the user's tongue has a free and direct access to the food product,

the food product is external exposed sufficient to allow the user to lick the food product by rubbing the user's tongue or lips over the food product, and

the bottom portion, the middle portion, the top portion, the fixing part, the seat, the support element, and the rod are of a single-piece construction.

39. (new) The plug of claim 38, wherein,
the fixing part comprises a continuous thread (1A),
the food product is a candy,
the fluid is a beverage,
the rod is solid and free of any passage, and
the vessel is one of a bottle and a vial.

40. (new) The plug of claim 38, wherein,
the fixing part comprises a sector-thread (1A),
the food product is a candy,
the fluid is a beverage,

the rod is solid and free of any passage, and
the vessel is one of a bottle and a vial.

41. (new) The plug of claim 40, wherein,
the thread is a bayonet attachment,
the candy is a transparent praline, and
the vessel is a bottle.

42. (new) The plug of claim 38, wherein,
the bottom, middle, and top portions together form a
push-pull configuration.

43. (new) The plug of claim 38, wherein,
the food product is a solid praline with a spherical
form having a diameter of about 18 mm, and
the vessel is a bottle.

44. (new) The plug of claim 38, wherein,
the bottom, middle, and top portions together with the
food product form a teat shape.

45. (new) The plug of claim 44, wherein,
the opening is a circumferential port (L) of 2-5 mm.

46. (new) The plug of claim 44, wherein,

the support element comprises a i) circular outer crown ring (3b) engaged in the seat and ii) a plurality of radially extending arms (33) separated by openings (3a) joining the rod to the ring.

47. (new) The plug of claim 44, further comprising:

a circular rib (32c) on an exterior surface of the middle portion; and

an overall covering cap (D) removably engaging with the rib or the middle portion and covering the food product and an exterior surface of the top portion when engaged with the rib of the middle portion.

48. (new) The plug of claim 47, wherein,
the cap is clear.

49. (new) The plug of claim 38, wherein,
the rod is a peg with one of notches and nibs (34a),
the food product is a praline tightly fixed to the peg
via the one of notches and nibs.

50. (new) The plug of claim 38, further comprising:
a hygienic diaphragm (45) removably adhered to the support element.

51. (new) The plug of claim 50, wherein, the diaphragm is comprised of one of aluminum and polyethylene.

52. (new) The plug of claim 38, wherein,
the distal end of the rod is shaped as one of a puppet and a flower.

53. (new) A beverage plug, comprising:
a bottom portion (A);
a middle portion (B);
a contoured top portion (C) with an opening presenting a profiled curved rim;
a dissolvable solid food product extending through the opening so as to be located both within the top portion and externally available through the opening of the top portion;
a fixing part, for fixing the bottom portion to a beverage vessel, located inside the bottom portion;
a seat (S) located inside the middle portion;
a support element (T) engaged within the seat;
a rod (34) extending from the support element and, at a distal end thereof, supporting the food product; and
a passage located intermediate the opening and the food product, the passage sized to allow a fluid from within the vessel to pass through the passage,
wherein,

a user of the plug can suck a fluid from the vessel via the passage,

the profiled curved rim directs a flow of the sucked fluid toward the food product to transfer a taste and nutritional components of the food product to the fluid, and

the food product is external exposed sufficient to allow the user to lick the food product by rubbing the user's tongue or lips over the food product.

54. (new) The plug of claim 53, wherein,
the distal end of the rod is shaped as one of a puppet and a flower.

55. (new) The plug of claim 54, wherein,
the rod is removable from the support element by unscrewing.

56. (new) The plug of claim 53, wherein,
the rod is removable from the support element by unscrewing therefrom.

57. (new) The plug of claim 53, wherein,
the food product is transparent.